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Mary was Jewish

Sunday July 4, 2021  
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Fear is a natural reaction to moving closer to the truth"** Pema Chödrön

*Find a quiet and still place where you will not be interrupted. Sit with these words from Pema Chödrön, an American Tibetan Buddhist. She is truly in touch with the Divine Whole, and offers wisdom clearly and lovingly. Do not prepare yourself or anticipate anything; simply be open and receive, and allow yourself to know and to grow.*

"Do I prefer to grow up and relate to life directly, or do I choose to live and die in fear?"

"Nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know ... nothing ever really attacks us except our own confusion. Perhaps there is no solid obstacle except our own need to protect ourselves from being touched. Maybe the only enemy is that we don't like the way reality is now and therefore wish it would go away fast. But what we find as practitioners is that nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know. If we run a hundred miles an hour to the other end of the continent in order to get away from the obstacle, we find the very same problem waiting for us when we arrive. It just keeps returning with new names, forms, manifestations until we learn whatever it has to teach us about where we are separating ourselves from reality, how we are pulling back instead of opening up, closing down instead of allowing ourselves to experience fully whatever we encounter, without hesitating or retreating into ourselves."

"Life is glorious, but life is also wretched. It is both. Appreciating the gloriousness inspires us, encourages us, cheers us up, gives us a bigger perspective, energizes us. We feel connected. But if that's all that's happening, we get arrogant and start to look down on others, and there is a sense of making ourselves a big deal and being really serious about it, wanting it to be like that forever. The gloriousness becomes tinged by craving and addiction. On the other hand, wretchedness--life's painful aspect--softens us up considerably. Knowing pain is a very important ingredient of being there for another person. When you are feeling a lot of grief, you can look right into somebody's eyes because you feel you haven't got anything to lose--you're just there. The wretchedness humbles us and softens us, but if we were only wretched, we would all just go down the tubes. We'd be so depressed, discouraged, and hopeless that we wouldn't have enough energy to eat an apple. Gloriousness and wretchedness need each other. One inspires us, the other softens us. They go together."

"Compassion is not a relationship between the healer and the wounded. It's a relationship between equals. Only when we know our own darkness well can we be present with the darkness of others. Compassion becomes real when we recognize our shared humanity."

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July 4, 2021

# 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Schedule Week of July 5th - 11th

<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 5th</b>
9:00AM	+Carmel Whelton
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 6th</b>
12Noon	+Lawrence Downey
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 7th</b>
11:00AM	Exposition & Adoration
12Noon	+Carmel Whelton
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 8th</b>
9:00AM	+Roy Ray
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 10th</b>
4:00PM	SI For those kept apart from loved ones during COVID
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 11th</b>
9:00AM	+Dave Phillips
11:00AM	+Rita Shoniker

Confessions on Saturday 3:15PM - 3:45PM or by appointment.

Let us pray for our loved ones who have died especially **Roy Ray**

**And join our prayers with those who are in need ...**

Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Joe Hanrath, Marvella Kostic, Ed Quinn, Kevin Phillips, Rebecca Muzzi, Sam Muzzi, Pamela Festing, Ruth Anne Foley, Peter Tompkin, Peter Gos, Philip Tompkin, John Schreurs, Ian Bruce, Brian Haywood, Claudette Mainville, Connie Gregory, Robert Foley, Steven Knox, Patricia Quinn, Sharon Boivin & Fr. Bart Burke.

*And for those whom we hold in the silence of our hearts.*



“I am as sure as I live that nothing is so near to me as God. God is nearer to me than I am to myself; my existence depends on the nearness and the presence of God. If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.”

*Meister Eckhart*

**“And Jesus could do no deed of power there...” (Luke 6.5)**

Here is someone who can walk on water, multiply a few fish and loaves to feed thousands, give sight to the blind, enable the deaf to hear, frees the tongue of the mute so they may speak, heals those with diseases of the skin, enables those once paralyzed to now walk and even raises the dead to life again, but in this gospel passage, he can do NO deed of power, but for a few exceptions. We might think that the question is - what happened to Jesus? In truth, nothing happened to Jesus, nor was anything wrong with him. It was not a matter that Jesus was unable to continue his miracles among the people, rather, the people themselves did not want him to be heal them, let alone help them. Why?

Jesus’ not being able to heal was not a limitation on his part, but was a blind spot for the people; they could not see who Jesus and God was and is. Jesus is showing us an essential truth about God and it is this: **God desires to work with us but never for us or against our will.** God is not someone we hire to do a job for us thinking that we are in some way in control of the situation. Rather, if we reflect on what Jesus had said and did, we see that God is collaborative and collegial in his dealings with others. His method of leadership and teaching, is to provide us with an example of how to work with others, listening and considering other points of view. This is being a genuine servant, who leads and teaches by example. What we also find is that his example of serving is unsettling to those who prefer to be served, in charge, and barking out orders.

There is also the issue that we believe that in order to have God help us, this is only possible if we merit or earn God’s attention, approval, and love. Take notice that at no time does Jesus question those he is about to heal, whether they are good, holy, deserving or worthy of his grace. Not once. What Jesus will do, is to makes himself available to the other in whatever circumstance they may find themselves in. Without exception, it is a matter of us wanting to receive God’s presence of love and healing, and then move in that direction. Again, it is not imposed on us, but we who welcome and receive it.

The issue then was not with Jesus, but the people of his “home town”. They have him all figured out based on what they knew of him, or better, how they chose to define him. This does not limit Jesus’ abilities, only their willingness to accept what they could possibly become and achieve with Jesus. Jesus had transcended the smallness of their expectations and definitions and was willing to stand in their midst, hoping they may accept his message. But the crowd remained stuck within rigid and myopic thinking. It was not merely a matter that they did not believe he could heal or help them, but more to the point, they did not want it. So much Jesus wished to reveal to them then, and to us today, of the depth and unlimited scope of God’s love and mercy that awaits us, if we but choose to change our minds, soften our hearts and let God in. But a closed mind and a hardened heart will not let this happen. Jesus will leave his hometown and will never return, not because he did not want to, but because he knew he would not be welcomed. In his heart, they were always welcomed and loved. pah

## Parish Pastoral News

**Parish Nurse News:** All those who wish to be vaccinated, may now register for their first immunization online through the provincial portal at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine>.

The Provincial Government and the Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit have decreased the wait time for second doses of the Covid Vaccine. Please know that the second shot is vital to prevent the variant strains of covid. Even after you are fully vaccinated, all Public Health rules must be maintained until the Health Unit tells us otherwise. Please be careful, wash your hands, wear a mask, maintain the physical distance. If you would like more information about the safety of the vaccine do not hesitate to call me. **My phone number is 705.783.4678. Please try to call before 4:30 pm.**

Stay Safe, **Marguerite Goodfellow, RN Parish Nurse**

**Consider Joining a Ministry in the Parish:** Whether you have been here for years or new to the parish, there is no better way to feel connected with your faith community than by becoming a member of a group or ministry. We are always looking for, Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers and Ushers. Do not be shy, we need you!

**Mass Time Change:** Beginning the week of **July 5th**, the Tuesday mass will now be at 12noon. This is an attempt to assist those who are better able to attend at this time. Monday and Thursday will still be at 9:00AM. Thank you.

**Here are a few quotes to slow us down and to appreciate everything that has come our way thus far ...**

“No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.” *Alfred North Whitehead*

“Life is all about balance. You don’t always have to be getting stuff done. Sometimes it is perfectly okay, and absolutely necessary to shut down, kick back, and to do nothing.” *Lori Deschene*

## Prayer For the End of the School Year

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom. For the talents and gifts that have been shared, and the challenges that have been faced. For the burdens that have been lifted, and the hurts that have been healed. For the respect and care that has been given. We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun, and for those that have grown. For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles. For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days, and for the love that has kept us going. We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord - Bless our students as they complete this year, may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and joy. Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed, and refreshed to continue our journey together. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

“Appreciation can change a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.” *Margaret Cousins*

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.” *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“When you practice gratefulness, there is a sense of respect toward others.” *Dalai Lama*

	Weekend of July 10th / 11th		
	4:00PM Mass	9:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass (Baysville)
Readers	Michelle Haskin	Craig Martin	Marianne Zimmerman
Ushers	Water Gryz Tracy Shisko Victoria Baumgart Ben Boivin	Nadine Diplock Doug Neigel Judith Gottschalk Mike Pearson	John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox
Counters	Tuesday July 13, 2021	Mary Kudryk &	Bob Moore

*“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!”*  
*2 Corinthians 5.17*

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